MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
Fact Sheet

Permit Termination

Permittee:	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Permit No.:	MT0000302
Receiving Water:	Yellowstone River (Outfalls 002, 003, and 004) Irrigation Return Ditch D-12 (Outfall 007)
Facility Name:	Lewis & Clark Station
County:	Richland
Facility Contact:	Mark Dihle
Facility Location:	35023 Highway 23 Sidney, Montana 59270
Facility Type:	Major/Industrial
Number of Outfalls	4
Outfall –	Type 002 – Noncontact cooling water and a small quantity of water pump water (winter discharge) 003 – Sand pump and screen wash 004 – Noncontact cooling water and a small quantity of water pump water (summer discharge) 007 – Ash sluice water, evaporator and boiler blowdown, floor drains, water treatment sludge filter and softener rinse, and storm water

I. Permit Status

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Lewis and Clark Station's Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit was set to expire on December 31, 2019, but Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. submitted a permit renewal application on July 8, 2019. DEQ reviewed the application, supplemental materials, and fees for completeness. DEQ issued a notice of deficiency on August 5, 2019. On August 9, 2019 and September 20, 2019, DEQ received a response addressing the application and fees. DEQ determined the application to be complete and administratively continued the permit on September 30, 2019.

II. Permit Termination

On September 28, 2022, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. requested termination of MPDES permit MT0000302. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. stated that coal operations, cooling towers and wastewater discharges ceased in 2021. All outfalls covered by MPDEs Permit MT0000302 have been closed at the site. Therefore, DEQ proposes to terminate the permit pursuant to ARM 17.30.1363(1)(d), finding that there has been a permanent elimination in the potential to discharge.